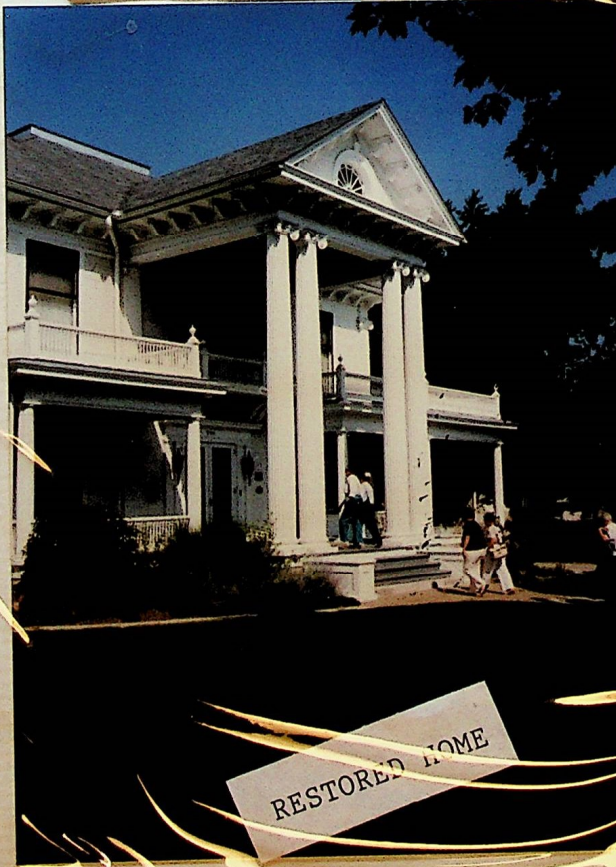
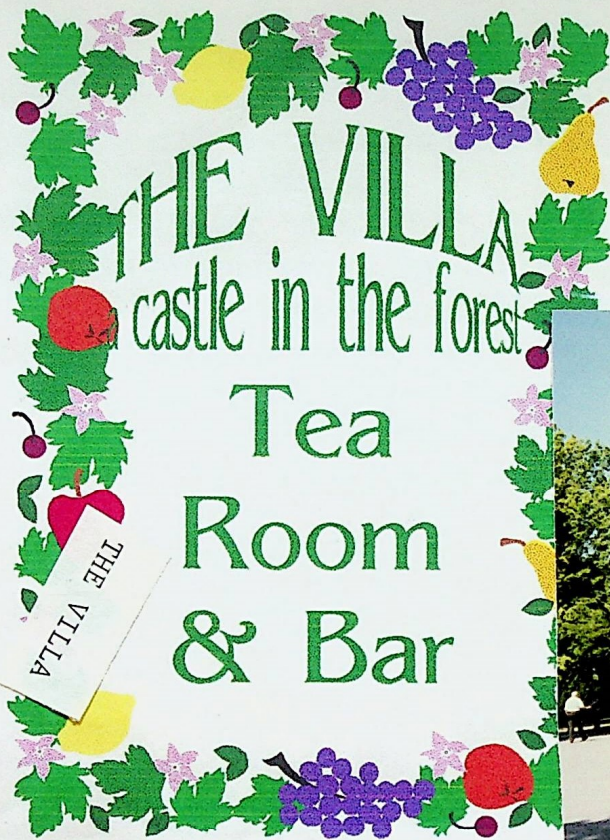


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Book #2

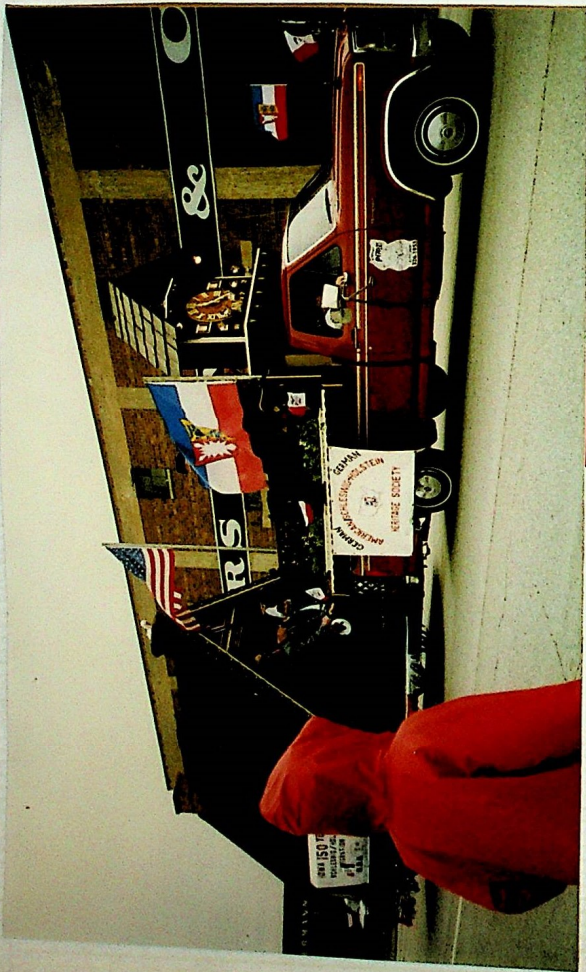
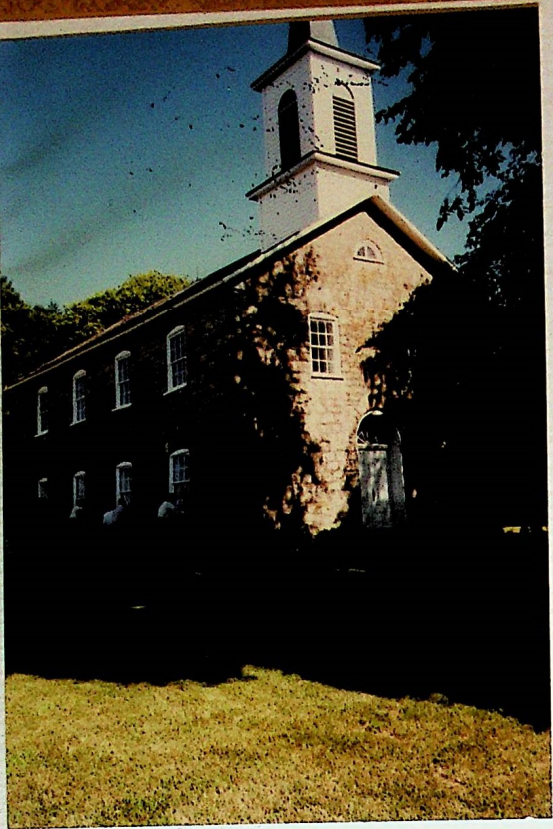
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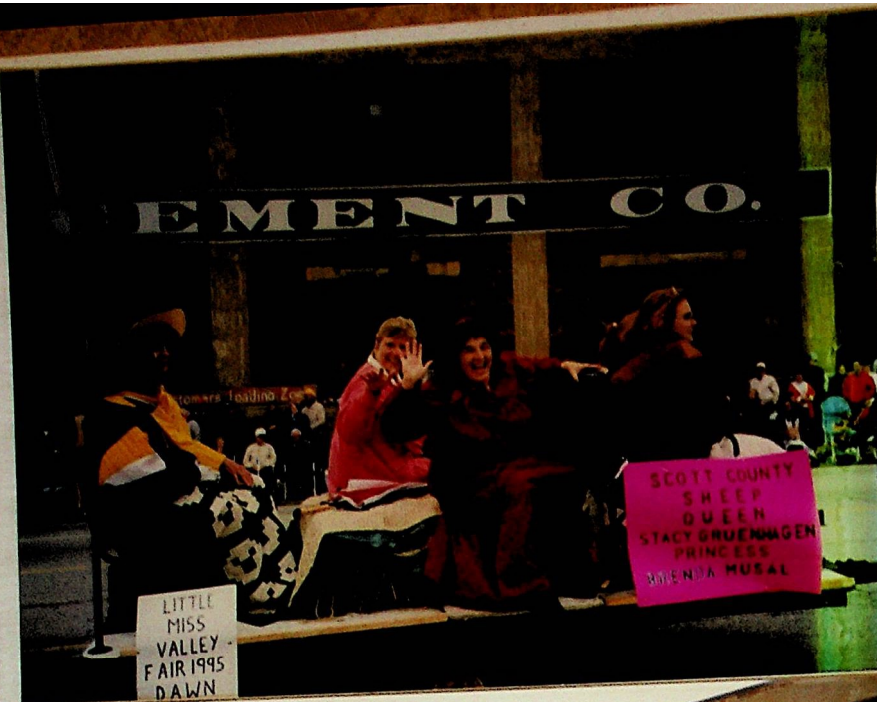
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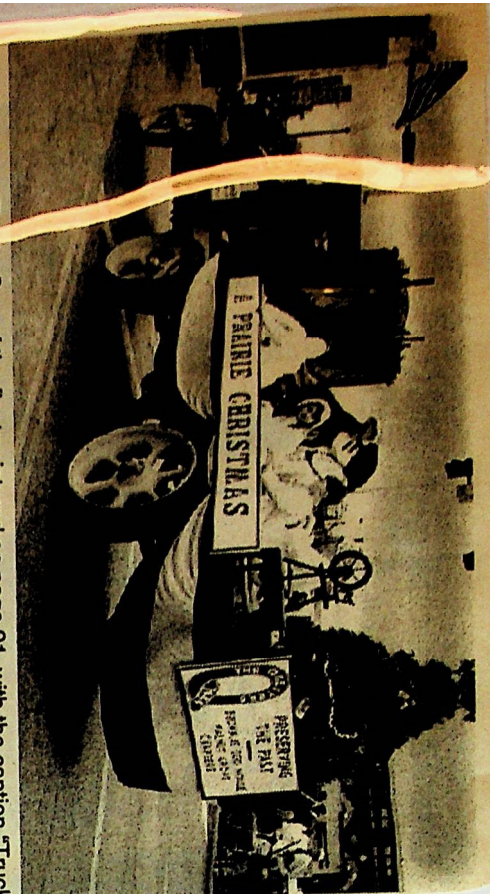
LARSON FUNERAL HOME GARDENS







Questers Float - One of the floats pictured on page 21, with the caption "Truck Stop Float," that appeared in last week's NSP was said to be sponsored by the Iowa 80 Truck Stop. In it, Iowa 80 donated the antique truck which pulled the float. The float was entered in to the parade by the Brownlie Sod House Questers #1220 and Walnut Grove Questers #1251. The purpose of the Questers is the preservation and restoration, as well as study and appreciation, of antiques.



Long Grove

Lora Baughman

LONG GROVE, Iowa — Services for Lora J. Baughman, 64, of Long Grove, will be 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 26, 1996, at Weerts Funeral Home, Davenport. Visitation is 1:30-5 p.m. Friday. Private family inurnment will be held.

Mrs. Baughman died Tuesday, July 23, 1996, at her home.

She retired in 1993 as family news editor and a photographer at the North Scott Press.

Lora Ott was born April 10, 1932, in

Spencer, a daughter of Alvin D. and Ruby S. Plett Ott. She married John Del Baughman Dec. 27, 1952, in Long Grove.

She was a member of Long Grove Christian Church.

A memorial fund has been established.

Survivors include her husband; daughters, Denise (Mrs. Don) Westman, Heidelberg, Germany, Michelle (Mrs. Chuck) Allaman, Cortland, Ohio, Kristin (Mrs. Tim) Schwarz, Davenport, and Tracy (Mrs. Jim) Welch, Long Grove; sons, Timothy, Northridge, Calif., and Matthew, Davenport; nine grandchildren; a sister, Leann (Mrs. Joe) Graves, Iowa City; extended family, Michael and Rose Robertson, Eldridge, Lorrie and Brode Ambrose, Long Grove, and Greg Beaman, Long Grove; special traveling companion, Wendy Grimme, Eldridge; and special Danish friends, Tina Aabo Anderson, Lystrop, Denmark, and Anna Bonde, Aarhus, Denmark.



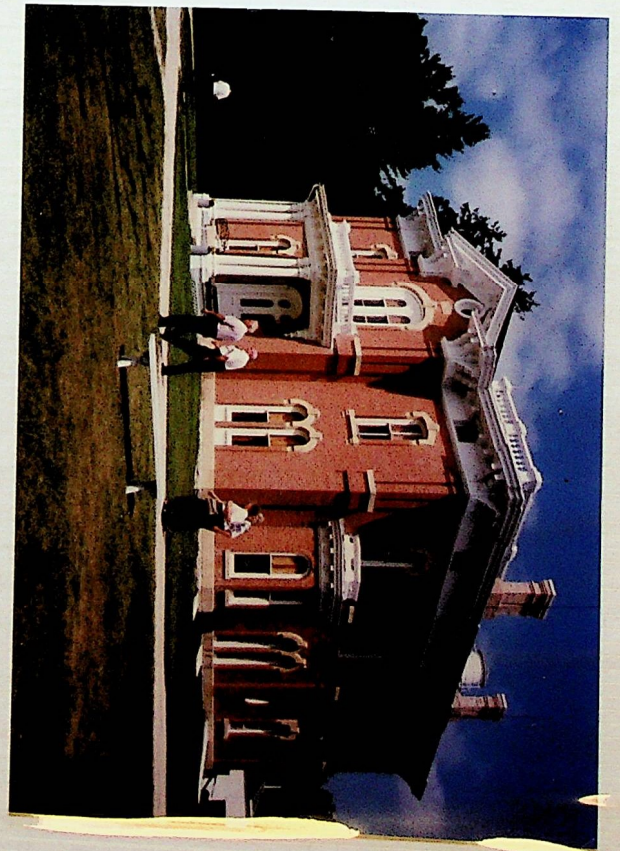
Mrs. Baughman



*Sod House Bazaar
Oct. 96*



*Aug 25, 1996
Governor Larrabee Mansion
Clairmont Iowa*





1996

Brownlie Sod House Questers #1229

The Brownlie Sod House Questers #1229 met on Sept. 22 at the home of Dorothy Curtis with Helen Muhs co-hosting. A discussion and educational program was given by Dorothy Curtis on the history of blue and white china, and collecting "Flow Blue China."

Two members attended the Southeast Iowa Area meeting on Oct. 5 at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant. Helen Muhs and Dorothy Curtis traveled with three members of the Walnut Grove Questers to Mt. Pleasant where they attended seminars on collecting puzzles, paper dolls and quilts. The day ended with browsing in antique shops in the Mt. Pleasant area.

The Questers also met on Oct. 9 at the home of Norma Zurborg in rural Mount Pleasant with Linda Stoltenberg as co-hostess. A program on restored family heirlooms was presented with a home tour to show how the old, lovely antiques can be accents of the new homes.



Nov. 13, 1996

Brownlie Sod House Questers

The Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 met for its November meeting at the home of Eunice McCubbin, Long Grove, with Donna Glover assisting hostess.

Thirteen members answered the roll call with show-and-tell of butter-related articles.

Eunice McCubbin gave an interesting program on butter churns.

The Dec. 11 meeting will be at the home of Janet Nagle, Long Grove.



Brownlie Sod House Questers

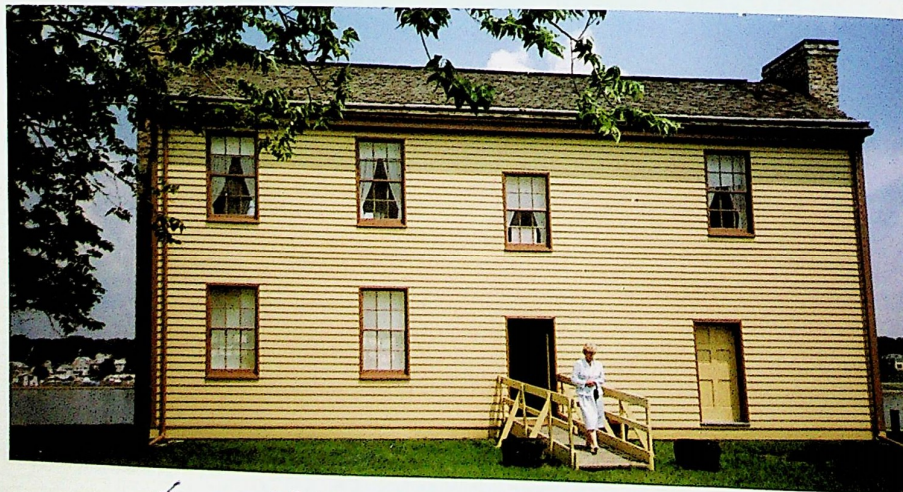
The Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 held a meeting on Dec. 11 at the home of Janet Nagle, Long Grove, with Lois Nagle as assisting hostess.

Roll call was answered by 11 members.

Janet gave a program on different Christmas traditions in foreign countries. The group also toured her home and looked at her Christmas heirlooms and decorations.

The January meeting will be at the home of Marlen Lage of Long Grove.





June-1996





Bed in which he was shot



Dining room in house

Brownlie Sod House Questers

The Brownlie Sod House Questers #1229 met June 12 at the Rock Island Officers' Club.

Carol Roukey was the hostess with Janet Nagle as co-hostess. The group toured the Col. Davenport home, and enjoyed a very informative and interesting talk about Col. Davenport.

New officers are: Marian Behrens, president; Donna Glover, vice-president; Dorothy Curtis, secretary; Inez Stoltenberg, treasurer; Marge Casel, publicity; Marge Johnson, historian.

The next meeting will be held on Sept. 11 at the home of Dorothy Curtis, Donahue.







Brownlie Sod House Questers

The Jan. 9 Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 meeting was held at the home of Marlene Lage with Jeanette Korthaus assisting as hostess.

Thirteen members answered roll call with antique gifts received as Christmas presents.

Marlene Lage gave a presentation of Anni and other nativity figurines. The club enjoyed seeing her display throughout the home.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Sandy Brus.

Brownlie Sod House Questers 1997

The Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 February meeting was held at the home of Sandra Brus. Only eight members and two guests, Betty Claussen and Betty Spies of the Walnut Grove chapter answered roll call with a song with the word bell in it.

Sandy gave a most interesting program on bells. The March meeting will be held at the home of Helen Muhs with Norma Zurborg as assistant hostess.





Brownlie Sod House Questers

The Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 had their March meeting at Hardee's restaurant in Eldridge due to illness of the hostess. Thirteen members answered roll call. The program was on art work by Besse Pease Gutmany. The April meeting of Chapter #1229 met at the home of Marian Behrens. Fourteen members and one guest answered roll call "What I Ever Won at a Carnival." Our hostess Marian gave an interesting talk on "Watts" pottery. One of our members, Donna Glover, acquired a very collectible piece at a garage sale.

The next meeting will be May 14 at the home of Ruby Ferris, with Carol Roukey as co-hostess.

WORDS TO PONDER

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend all the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticize or even knock?

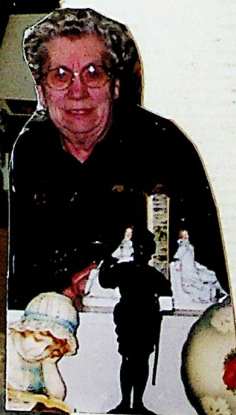
Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?

Do you ever voluntarily
Help at the guiding stick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

Come to the meetings often
And help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.

Be that kind of MEMBER
Who will help the work along,
Are you an active member
Or do you "just belong"?

Author Unknown



Brownlie Sod House Questers

The Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 met May 8 at the LeClaire home of Marge Johnson. Assisting hostess was Marlene Lage. Seventeen members were present and enjoyed the presentation on Hummel figurines by the hostess. A report on state day was given by Dorothy Curtis, Helen Muhs, Ruby Ferris and Inez Stoltenberg.

The next meeting will be held on June 12 and will be hosted by Carol Roukey and Janet Nagle. A tour of the Col. Davenport Home will be featured.

Brownlie Sod House Questers

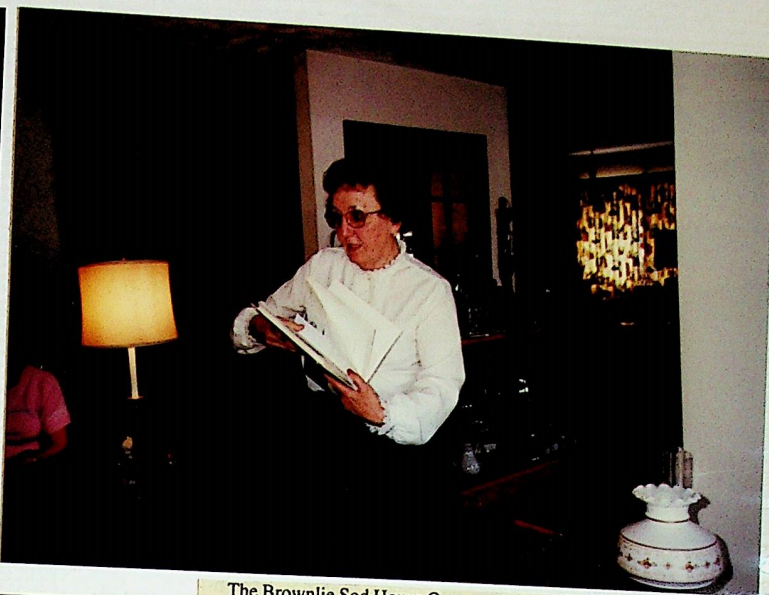
The Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 met April 10 at the home of Donna Glover with Helen Muhs assisting. Thirteen members and a guest, Jeannie Glover, were present. Roll call was "A Kitchen Collectible I Enjoy."

Officers for 1996-97 are: Marian Behrens, president; Donna Glover, vice-president; Dorothy Curtis, secretary; and Inez Stoltenberg, treasurer.

A program on "Graniteware" was presented.

Marge Johnson will host the May 8 meeting with Marlene Lage assisting. Roll call will be "My Favorite Figurine."





The Brownlie Sod House Questors #1229 May meeting was held at the home of Ruby Ferris with Carol Roukey assisting. Thirteen members answered roll call by bringing an old bottle.

The following were nominated for the next year: president - Marian Behrens; vice president - Donna Glover; secretary - Jeanette Korthaus; and treasurer - Inez Stoltenberg.

Discussion was held on our display table for the southeast area meeting Sept. 30.

Ruby Ferris gave the program on old bottles she has collected.

The next meeting will be June 10 at the Inez Stoltenberg residence at 9:00 a.m. instead of 10:00

1997 ↑

The June Brownlie Sod House Questors Chapter #1229 met at the home of Inez Stoltenberg with Marian Behrens as assistant hostess. Eleven members and one guest, Marian Wayland, answered roll call to our favorite song.

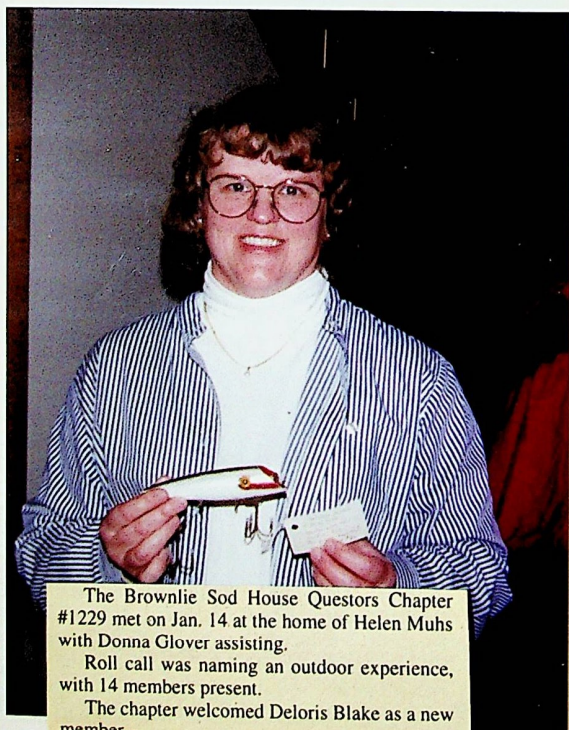
Helen Muhs installed the new officers for 1997 and 1998. Each member received a gift from the late Marlene Lage. We observed a silent reflection time.

Inez Stoltenberg gave a most interesting talk on Edison's early phonographs. Inez played her own restored Edison, that was her husband's parents.





Apr 1997 - Marian Watt Pottery



The Brownlie Sod House Questors Chapter #1229 met on Jan. 14 at the home of Helen Muhs with Donna Glover assisting.

Roll call was naming an outdoor experience, with 14 members present.

The chapter welcomed Deloris Blake as a new member.

Correspondence was read by Jeanette Korthaus. The International Questors sent a thank you for a contribution Cheryl Sparks gave in memory of the late Marlene Lage.

Donna Glover gave the program on decoy ducks, geese and old fishing lures.

The March meeting will be held at Sandy Brus' with Deloris Blake assisting.

1998
Donna



Milk Boxes



1997 Norma Sept 10



The Favor of Your Company is Requested to Celebrate
 Southeast Iowa Questers
 Silver Anniversary
 Tuesday, September 30, 1997
 at the
 Holiday Inn
 5202 Brady Street
 Davenport, Iowa

Program Schedule:

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. - Registration, Coffee, and Cookies
 8:30 - 9:10 a.m. - Chapter Presidents Meeting
 9:15 - 9:30 a.m. - Lynnette Pohlman, "Iowa Glass Museum"
 9:30 - 11:45 a.m. - Seminars:
 Vintage Clothing from Early 20th Century
 Silver Spoons



Questors Chapter #1229

'98

The February Brownlie Sod House Questors Chapter #1229 meeting was held at the home of Sandy Brus with Deloris Blake assisting hostess.

Eleven members and two guests answered roll call, "My best bargain buy of glassware."

The tour to Peoria, Ill., is March 26 with the visit to Pleasant Hill Antique Mall discussed.

Richard and Martha Miller of Kalona, Iowa, gave the program on "Greentown Glass."

The March meeting will be at the home of Jeanette Korthaus with Inez Stoltenberg assisting.

Brownlie Sod House Questors

'98

The Brownlie Sod House Questors Chapter #1229 March meeting was held at the home of Jeanette Korthaus, with Inez Stoltenberg assisting. Thirteen members answered roll call of their favorite piece of milk glass.

Area day at Story City on April 18 was discussed. Reservations are due by March 28. Dues are due. The annual report, due April 1, was reviewed.

Jeanette Korthaus gave a very informative presentation on milk glass she has collected.

April's meeting will be at the home of Marge Johnson, with Helen Muhs assisting.

Brownlie Sod House Questors

The May meeting of the Brownlie Sod House Questors chapter #1229 met at the home of Carol Roukey and Norma Zurborg was assisting hostess.

Thirteen members answered roll call with showing a cookie cutter.

All future meetings will begin at 9 a.m. A membership person will be appointed by the president.

Betty Claussen gave the program on cookie cutters she has collected. Carol Roukey also gave a report.

The June meeting will be at the home of Inez Stoltenberg with Ruby Ferris assisting.

June
1998



Brownlie Sod House Questors

The June meeting of the Brownlie Sod House Questors chapter #1229 met at the home of Inez Stoltenberg with Ruby Ferris assisting.

Eleven members answered roll call with a time-saving tip.

The new program books were handed out. Installation of the '98-99 officers are as follows: president: Donna Glover; vice president: Dorothy Curtis; treasurer: Eunice McCubbin; secretary: Jeanette Korthaus.

Inez Stoltenberg gave an informative program on clocks and those she has.

Our next meeting will be held in September with Sandy Evoy and Helen Muhs assisting.

Oct-1998
Marian
Rug Twining

Brownlie Sod House Questors

Brownlie Sod House Questors Chapter #1229 met Sept. 9, at the home of Sandy Evoy, with Helen Muhs as co-hostess.

Eleven members answered roll call with a "past experience with ink."

Southeast Area Day will be at Fairfield, Iowa, on Oct. 10; reservations by Oct. 2.

Our club's responsibility for International Quilter's Day in Des Moines on May 13, 1999, will be to help make button pins. A workshop is planned.

Helen Muhs gave a very interesting presentation on ink wells.

Next month's meeting will be at the home of Marian Behrens on Oct. 14 at 9:00 a.m. with Janet Nagle as co-hostess.



A Walking Tour of Historic

Hampton

October 19, 1998



The Ginkgo Tree
Pres. Donna Glover

Marian
Delores
Donna
Carol
Tour Guide
Ruby
Inez
Dorothy
Helen
Norma

Nine members enjoyed a tour Oct. 19 of the Brettun & Black Mercantile Store and Historical Museum and a walking tour of historic Hampton and viewed a famous old ginkgo tree and an old house filled with antiques.

The club voted to purchase six Iowa Quester Pins if they are available.



BRETTUN & BLACK MERCANTILE STORE & HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Brettun & Black Mercantile Store & Historical Museum, sometimes called Black's store, built in 1849 by Francis Black and Saranus Brettun, reflects nearly 150 years of life in the Mississippi River town of Hampton, Illinois.



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The most interesting artifact is the Brettun & Black building itself. Brettun & Black is listed on the National Register of Historic places. An excellent example of the architecture of its time, it remains today almost unchanged since 1849. Brettun & Black, frontier mercantile store, pork packing center, post office, informal bank, was in its day the hub of the community, generating enough business to sustain several blacksmith and cooper shops, as well as serving as market for the produce of farmers for miles around.



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Brownlie Sod House Questors

Brownlie Sod House Questors Chapter #1229 met Nov. 11 at the home of Deloris Blake, with Dorothy Curtis as co-hostess.

Eleven members answered roll call with "An old player piano tune." Volunteer hours were reported.

Deloris Blake's report was on the history of player pianos. We sang and danced to the music of Chris and Deloris Blake's beautifully restored player piano.

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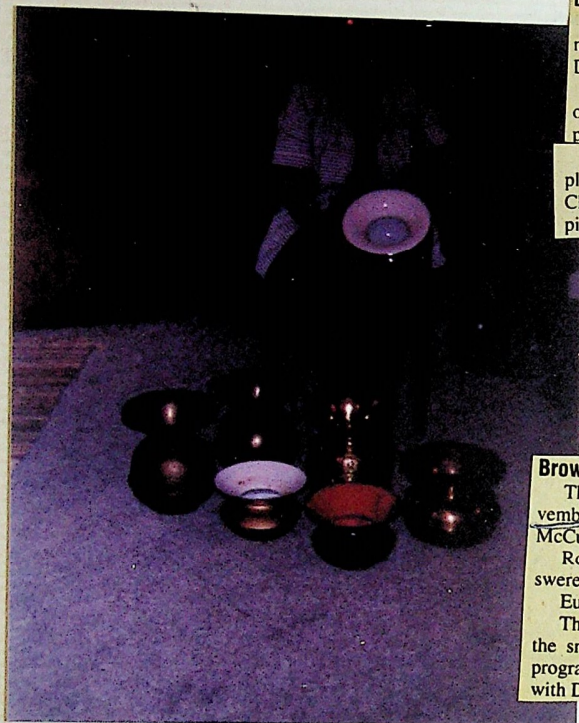
Brownlie Sod House #1297 Questors

The Brownlie Sod House #1297 Questors November meeting was held at the home of Eunice McCubbin, with Janet Nagle as assisting hostess.

Roll call of Thanksgiving memories was answered by 11 members.

Eunice gave an interesting talk on "Spittoons."

The December meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm. Donna Glover will give her program at the January meeting at Dorothy Curtis' with Donna Glover as assisting hostess.



Brownlie Questors

1998

The Brownlie Questors Chapter #1229 April meeting was held at the home of Marge Johnson, with Helen Muhs as assisting hostess.

Thirteen members answered roll call with a show and tell of carnival glass.

The amount of \$56.85 was donated to the German Haas/Miller Restoration, as a result of the S.E. area day average meeting held last September.

Marge Johnson and her daughter, Bonnie Musal, gave the presentation on carnival glass, which they have collected.

State Day will be at Story City, Iowa, April 18, with Dorothy Curtis and Helen Muhs attending.

The 1998-1999 dues were collected. The May meeting will be at the home of Carol Roukey, with Ruby Ferris assisting hostess.

SOUTHEAST IOWA QUESTORS AREA DAY

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Fairfield Golf & Country Club

Questors Chapter #1229

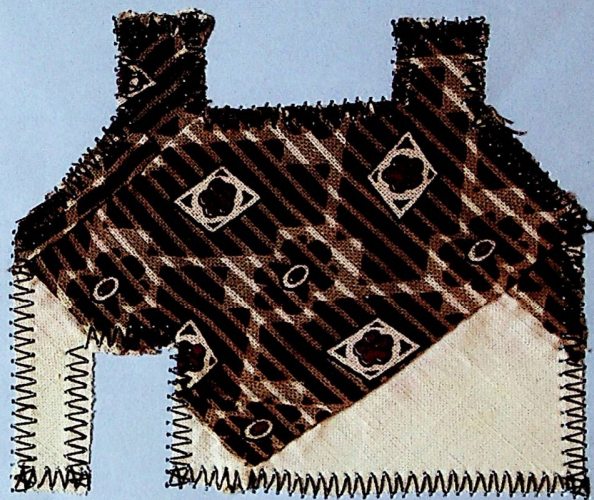
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The February Questors Chapter #1229 met at the home of Donna Glover, with Sandra Brus attending.

Eleven members answered roll call of your valentine. Discussion was held on the international convention to be held in Des Moines, May 13.

Donna Glover gave the history of transfers on early china. The March meeting will be held at the home of Jeanette Korthaus and Janet Nagle assisting.

Brownlie Sod
House Chap.
#1229



QUESTERS

1998 - 1999

Our Year Book
Was in the International TOP TEN.
at Quester convention at Des Moines
1999

Dear Questers friends,

*Thanks to your creating and bringing a
unique centerpiece and/or providing a
hostess the 1999 International Questers
Luncheon was a great success and a
lesson in Iowa history for all of us.*

*Sigrid Puntenney
Becky Eckstein
Luncheon Co-chairs*

Questers

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Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 met Jan. 13 at the home of Ruby Ferris, with Norma Zurborg as co-hostess.

Fifteen members and one guest answered roll call with a "Coca Cola Memory." Our guest was Kathy Otto.

Correspondence read was a thank-you from Iowa Questers for our donation to the Preservation and Restoration Fund.

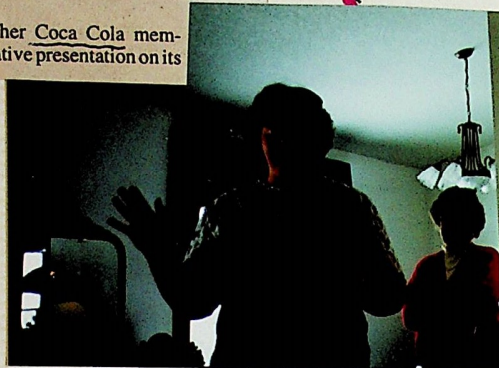
Questers 49th Annual International Convention: The secretary requested a final report concerning participation in the convention May 14-17 in Des Moines. Our club voted to approve a monetary donation for the hospitality room for the convention.

Ruby Ferris displayed her Coca Cola memorabilia and gave an informative presentation on its

history. Our guest, Kathy Otto, shared her family's experiences of belonging to a statewide Coca Cola antique club. She displayed several choice items of their collection.

The Feb. 10 meeting will be at the home of Donna Glover, with Sandy Evoy as co-hostess.

Coke



Questors Chapter #1229 1999

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Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229

Jeanette Korthaus hosted Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 meeting March 10. Janet Nagle was co-hostess.

Thirteen members answered roll call with "An Unusual Epitaph on Grave Markers."

An invitation was received to the exhibit on March 28 at Iowa State Center, Ames, in Brunner Museum, of "The Golden Age of Art Glass 1870-1939."

Kristy Looney is requesting recipes for the "Sod House Bazaar Cookbook."

President Donna Glover responded to the State Chapter with our annual chapter report.

Chapter dues were collected. Members were urged to mail their registration forms for the 49th Annual Questers International Convention in Des Moines, May 13-17. Deadline for reduced fees is April 1.

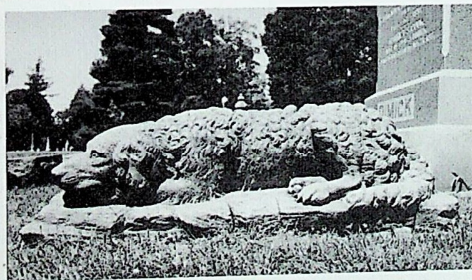
Iowa Questers State Day will be April 10 at Storm Lake; program is "Questers Antique Roadshow."

Duck Creek Questers Chapter is co-hostess for State Day April 2000. Volunteers from our chapter to assist in this project are Dorothy Curtis, Sandy Evoy and Donna Glover.

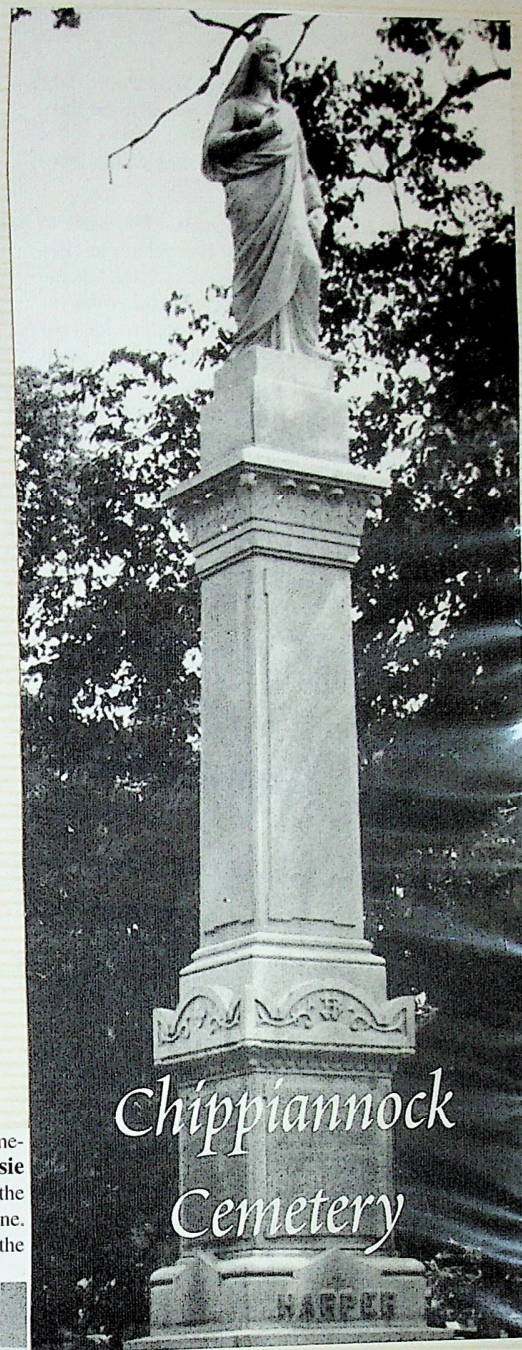
Dorothy Curtis, chairman of the program committee, and her assistants are preparing next year's program.

Sue Vogele, a representative of Chippiannock Cemetery in Rock Island, presented a very interesting slide program on Victorian Cemetery Symbolism.

20. One of the most unusual monuments in the cemetery is on the double gravesite of **Eddie and Josie Dimick**, brother and sister, both of whom died on the same day of diphtheria, at the ages of five and nine. The family lived nearby, and when they visited the



children's grave, the dog walked with them. After the first few visits, the dog took to visiting the cemetery alone early in the morning, and remaining at the grave until dark. When the dog died, the family placed a statue of him at the grave, in honor of his devotion.



March 1999

Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229

Marge Johnson hosted Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 meeting April 14. Marian

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Behrens was co-hostess.

Helen Muhs presided over the meeting in the absence of our president, Donna Glover. Eleven members answered roll call with "An antique I've refinished."

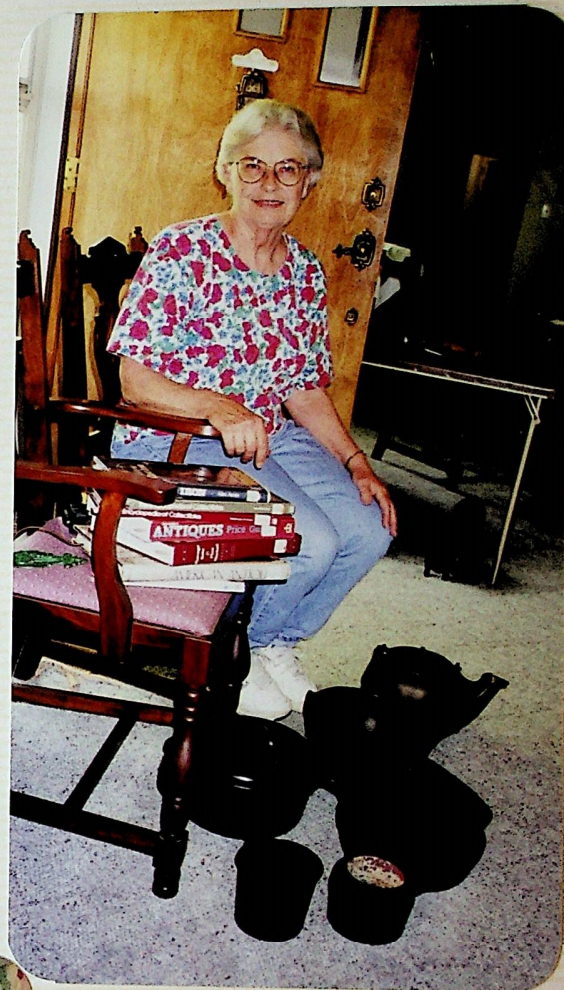
Correspondence was received from the secretary of the May International State Day Committee thanking us for our donation and volunteering to hostess. Our club is furnishing a "Bix Biederbeck" centerpiece. The State Day Committee reported that over \$5000 was cleared from the sale of Quester's shirts and over 600 reservations were received for the convention and reservations for the tours were filling up.

The following officers were elected for the 1999/2000 year: president, Donna Glover; vice president, Dorothy Curtis; treasurer, Eunice McCubbin; secretary, Helen Muhs.

Marge Johnson reported on the history of "Roseville Pottery." She displayed her beautiful collection.

The May meeting will be May 12 at Eunice McCubbin's. The program will be on "cast iron." Those who will be donating cookies for the convention are reminded to bring them to the May meeting. The historian was also reminded to bring the historian's book.

April
1999



May 1999



Installation
Donna Glover - Pres
Dorothy Curtis - Vice Pres
Helen Muhs - Secy
Eunice McCubbin - Treas

Brownlie Sod House Questers

Eunice McCubbin hosted Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 meeting May 12, and Ruby Ferris was co-hostess.

Twelve members answered roll call with "A recipe you made using cast iron."

The club is furnishing three centerpieces for the International Quester's Convention with the following themes: "Bix Biederbeck," "Buffalo Bill" and "Annie Wittenmyer."

Deloris Blake reported for the committee assisting with the open house at Brownlie Sod House in conjunction with Long Grove Strawberry Festival June 13.

The club approved paying Stacey Muhs \$20 for printing the club's yearbook.

We are seeking dark green vases, 10 to 12", for hydrangea flower arrangements at the annual bazaar.

The following officers were installed for the 1999/2000 year: President, Donna Glover; Vice President, Dorothy Curtis; Treasurer, Eunice McCubbin; Secretary, Helen Muhs.

Eunice McCubbin presented a very interesting program and exhibit on cast iron. She has several useful and unusual items in her collection.

We will meet next month, June 9, at the Maid-Rite in Eldridge at 9:00 a.m. We will tour Pat Costellos and Squire Manor in Maquoketa. Please contact Dorothy Curtis if you cannot attend.

Aug 14 : 10:00 Chippian node

VICTORIAN SYMBOLISM ON MARKERS AND MONUMENTS

March 10, 1999

MANY VISITORS DO NOT NOTICE THE SYMBOLS ON THE GRAVE MARKERS, BECAUSE THE COMMON LANGUAGE OF SYMBOLS HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN. DURING THE VICTORIAN ERA FROM 1837 TO 1901, SYMBOLS WERE USED TO COMMUNICATE WITH VISITORS TO THE CEMETERY. THE SYMBOLS CONVEYED THE IDEAS ABOUT THE CHARACTER, PERSONALITY, DEVOTION, AND ATTITUDES OF THE DECEASED. FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE MOST COMMON SYMBOLS USED DURING THE VICTORIAN PERIOD, WITH SOME OF THE MOST COMMON MEANINGS ATTRIBUTED TO THEM AT THE TIME.

ANCHOR - ANCHORS, UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY ADDITIONAL RELATED SYMBOLS, RARELY MEAN THE DECEASED HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE NAVY OR THE SEA. USUALLY THE ANCHOR IS USED AS A CHRISTIAN SYMBOL, OF FAITH AND HOPE. SOMETIMES THE REFERENCE IS TO THE SOUL OF THE DECEASED BEING ANCHORED SAFELY IN GOD'S HARBOR.

ANGEL - THE ANGEL MAY BE PORTRAYED IN FLIGHT, EITHER GOING UP OR COMING DOWN, OR THE ANGEL MAY BE IN REPOSE AT THE GRAVE SITE. ANGELS REPRESENT MESSENGERS OF GOD, AND MAY BE SHOWN CARRYING THE EFFIGY OF THE SOUL OF THE DECEASED BACK TO HEAVEN. THEY ALSO BRING COMFORT TO MOURNERS. USUALLY ANYTHING WITH WINGS MAY REPRESENT A MESSENGER TO GOD.

BASKETS AND BOUQUETS OF FLOWERS - TO THE VICTORIANS THERE WAS A LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS. EACH BLOOM HAD A SPECIFIC MEANING THAT WAS COMMONLY UNDERSTOOD. WHEN INTERPRETING MULTIPLE FLOWERS, EACH BLOOM SHOULD BE TAKEN IN TURN AND THE COMBINED MEANING MAY BE A SENTENCE OR EVEN A PARAGRAPH. THE MEANING OF INDIVIDUAL BLOSSOMS WILL BE EXPLAINED UNDER THE NAME OF THE FLOWER. THE OVERTURNED BASKET WOULD HAVE PORTRAYED DEATH TO THE VICTORIANS.

BIBLE - THE BIBLE IS THE SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE FOR CHRISTIAN BELIEF. WHEN REPRESENTED ON A GRAVE MARKER IT EMPHASIZES THE PIETY OF THE DECEASED. NORMALLY THE WORDS "HOLY BIBLE" WILL BE CARVED ON THE BOOK WHEN THAT IS THE MEANING INTENDED.

BOOK - OTHER THAN THE BIBLE, A BOOK MAY BE USED AS A SYMBOL OF THE "BOOK OF LIFE" IN WHICH THE GOOD DEEDS OF THE DECEASED ARE INSCRIBED. OR A BOOK MAY REPRESENT LEARNING - AN EDUCATED PERSON. THE PRESENCE OF AN INK WELL AND PEN PROBABLY INDICATES BOOKS OF LEARNING.

CHAIN - WHEN A CHAIN IS A COMPLETE CIRCLE, IT REPRESENTS A FAMILY CIRCLE IN WHICH NO ONE HAS DIED. A MISSING OR BROKEN LINK IN A CHAIN IS A SYMBOL OF THE DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY. IN SOME CASES, A HAND REACHING DOWN IS PRESENT, REPRESENTING GOD TAKING THE SOUL OF A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY FROM THE CIRCLE.

CLOCK - VICTORIAN FOLK LORE HELD THAT WHEN A DEATH OCCURRED IN A HOUSE, THE CLOCKS STOPPED. IN A SENSE, TIME HAD STOPPED FOR THAT PERSON. CLOCKS WERE NOT TO BE STARTED AGAIN UNTIL AFTER THE BURIAL OF THE DECEASED, OR SOMEONE ELSE IN THE HOUSEHOLD WOULD DIE WITHIN THE YEAR. FURTHERMORE, THE CLOCKS WERE NOT TO BE STARTED AGAIN AT THAT SAME TIME, OR THE PERSON STARTING THEM WOULD DIE WITHIN THE YEAR. AS WITH MIRRORS, CLOCKS COULD ALSO BE TURNED FACE TO THE WALL, OR DRAPED WITH BLACK CLOTH UNTIL AFTER THE FUNERAL AND BURIAL.

COLUMN - A COLUMN OR PILLAR THAT IS COMPLETE WITH A CAPITAL USUALLY MEANT THAT THE PERSON HAD REACHED THE EXPECTED SPAN OF YEARS, THREE SCORE AND TEN. THE ALTERNATIVE, A COLUMN CARVED TO SEEM BROKEN, WOULD MEAN A LIFE ENDED PRIOR TO AGE SEVENTY. SOMETIMES THE BROKEN COLUMN IS SHOWN WITH BOTH PARTS, AND THEN THE APPROXIMATE AGE OF THE DECEASED MAY BE REPRESENTED.

CROSS - THIS CHRISTIAN SYMBOL OF CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION IS THE SYMBOL OF THE PROMISE OF SALVATION. THERE ARE MANY STYLES OF CROSSES, AND SOMETIMES THE STYLE WILL INDICATE THE ETHNIC BACKGROUND OF THE DECEASED. FOR INSTANCE, A CELTIC CROSS MAY BE FOR SOMEONE OF IRISH ANCESTRY, AND AN ORTHODOX CROSS IS USUALLY FOR SOMEONE OF SLAVIC ANCESTRY.

CROWN - THE CROWN REPRESENTS THE VICTORY OF LIFE OVER DEATH. THERE ARE SEVERAL STYLES OF CROWNS USED AS GRAVE MARKER SYMBOLS, THE MOST COMMON ONE BEING A MEDIEVAL STYLE. WHEN SHOWN WITH A CROSS THROUGH THE CROWN, THE SYMBOL MAY SHOW MEMBERSHIP IN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

DOVE - THE DOVE REPRESENTS THE HOLY SPIRIT, SOMETIMES MEANS A MESSENGER OF GOD, AND MAY ALSO REFER TO PEACE. WHEN CARRYING A OLIVE BRANCH IN ITS BEAK IT REPRESENTS PEACE, WHEN CARRYING A BROKEN STEMMED ROSE BUD IN ITS BEAK, IT REPRESENTS DEATH OF AN INFANT OR VERY YOUNG CHILD.

FLOWERS - A LILY MEANT PURITY AND INNOCENCE, A VIOLET MEANT HUMILITY, A DAISY MEANT SIMPLICITY, A LOTUS MEANT REGENERATION OR IMMORTALITY, A MORNING GLORY MEANT RESURRECTION, ORANGE BLOSSOMS MEANT PURITY, A CAMELLIA MEANT PERFECT LOVELINESS, A HAWTHORNE MEANT HOPE, A ROSE SYMBOLIZES LOVE AND BEAUTY. BEAUTY MEANT THE QUALITY OF THE SOUL AND THE LIFE LIVED, RATHER THAN PHYSICAL BEAUTY. ROSES IN FULL BLOOM ARE USED FOR ADULTS, OFTEN FOR WOMEN. A BOUQUET OF ROSES MAGNIFIES THE QUALITY OF A SINGLE ROSE. THE ROSEBUD WITH A BROKEN STEM, OR TWO ROSES AND A BUD (INDICATING PARENTS AND CHILD) OFTEN WERE USED FOR THE DEATH OF A CHILD.

GATES - GATES ARE INVARIABLY SHOWN OPEN, MARKING A PASSAGE BETWEEN THIS LIFE AND ETERNAL LIFE. OFTEN WHAT IS BEYOND THE GATES IS SHOWN AS HEAVEN, INDICATED BY THE SUN, THE MOON, A STAR, OR A CROWN, ALL INDICATIONS OF THE TRIUMPH OF ETERNAL LIFE. SOMETIMES THE GATES HAVE STEPS IN FRONT OF THEM, REFERRED TO AS THE "GOLDEN STAIRS" IN SOME CHRISTIAN HYMNS, AND GATES

MAY ALSO HAVE ELABORATE GATE POSTS AND ARCHES, ALL MEANT TO ILLUSTRATE THE GATES OF HEAVEN. THE DECEASED HAS PASSED THROUGH THE GATES OF HEAVEN, FROM EARTHLY LIFE TO LIFE ETERNAL.

HANDS - IF THE HAND IS REACHING DOWNWARD IT REPRESENTS THE HAND OF GOD, EXTENDING A BLESSING TO THE DECEASED OR TAKING THE SOUL OF THE DECEASED BACK TO HEAVEN. THE HAND MAY SHOW THE INDEX FINGER POINTING UP, GIVING ASSURANCES TO THE SURVIVORS THAT THE SOUL OF THE DECEASED HAS GONE TO HEAVEN. PERHAPS THE MOST COMMON PORTRAYAL OF HANDS IS IN THE CLASPED POSITION. THIS MAY MEAN THAT A HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE UNITED THROUGH ETERNITY. IT MAY MEAN THE FELLOWSHIP OF FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD IN A LODGE. OR IT MAY MEAN THE BLESSING OF THE CHURCH AND CLERGY ON THE SOUL OF THE DECEASED.

HARP - THE HARP IS THE SYMBOL OF JOY, NOT AT THE DEATH OF A PERSON, BUT AT THE SALVATION OF THAT PERSON'S SOUL. IT IS A REFERENCE TO THE FINITE JOY ON EARTH AND THE INFINITE JOY IN HEAVEN.

HOURLASS - AS IN THE CASE OF THE CLOCK, OBJECTS THAT TELL THE PASSAGE OF TIME ARE SYMBOLS THAT TIME IS OVER FOR THE DECEASED. LITERALLY, THIS SYMBOL MEANT THAT THE SANDS OF TIME HAD RUN OUT FOR THIS PERSON. A WINGED HOURGLASS HAS DOUBLE MEANING: THE SANDS OF TIME HAVE RUN OUT AND THE SOUL IS FLYING TO HEAVEN.

KEYS - KEYS ARE A SYMBOL OF SPIRITUAL POWER ON BOTH EARTH AND IN HEAVEN.

LAMB - ONE OF THE MOST COMMON SYMBOLS IN CHRISTIANITY, THE LAMB SYMBOLIZES PURITY AND INNOCENCE. IT OFTEN MARKS THE DEATH OF A CHILD AND IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON SYMBOLS USED ON A BABY'S GRAVE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

LAMP - THE LAMP REPRESENTS THE POWER OF THE SCRIPTURE, MEANS THE LIGHT OF ETERNAL LIFE, AND MAY BE USED TO MEAN LEARNING OR EDUCATION.

LEAVES - JUST AS THE VICTORIANS HAD A LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS, LEAVES HAD A SPECIFIC MEANING FOR THEM. OAK LEAVES MEANT STRENGTH OF FAITH, AND WERE USED ON THE GRAVES OF ADULT MEN. IVY LEAVES MEANT STEADFASTNESS OF FAITH. GRAPE LEAVES (AS WELL AS BUNCHES OF GRAPES) OFTEN REPRESENTED THE WINE, THE BLOOD OF CHRIST IN THE COMMUNION, AND MIGHT MEAN THE DECEASED PERSON WAS MATURE IN YEARS. LAUREL LEAVES WERE SYMBOLIC OF THE VICTORY OF ETERNAL LIFE OVER DEATH, AND PALM LEAVES REPRESENTED THE HOPE OF ETERNAL SALVATION.

SCALES - THE SCALES REPRESENT JUDGEMENT. IN EFFECT, GOOD DEEDS AND BAD DEEDS ARE WEIGHED AND JUDGEMENT IS RENDERED. EITHER THE SCALES OR THE BOOK OF LIFE MIGHT BE USED TO MEAN THE LAST JUDGEMENT.

SCROLL - THE SCROLL REPRESENTS A RECORD OF THE GOOD AND BAD DEEDS OF THE DECEASED. A TORN SCROLL INDICATES DEATH, AN ENDED LIFE.

SYTHE OR SICKLE - THIS REPRESENTS THE THOUGHT THAT THE FULL LIFE SPAN HAS BEEN REACHED, AND THE SOUL OF THE PERSON IS RIPE AND READY FOR HARVEST BY GOD. IT IS OFTEN PORTRAYED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SHEAF OF WHEAT.

SEA SHELL - THE SEA SHELL IS A PRE-CHRISTIAN SYMBOL OF DEATH THAT WAS ADOPTED BY CHRISTIANS. IT MAY BE USED AS A SYMBOL OF BAPTISM. IT WAS A SYMBOL THAT ALTHOUGH THE PHYSICAL REMAINS ARE INTERRED AT THE GRAVE MARKER, THE SOUL HAS DEPARTED FOR HEAVEN. JUST AS IN A SEA SHELL, SOMETHING WAS ONCE ALIVE, BUT NOW ONLY THE PHYSICAL HUSK REMAINS.

SUN - USED TO INDICATE THAT THE SOUL OF THE DECEASED HAS GONE TO HEAVEN, SOMETIMES THE SUN IS PORTRAYED ONLY PARTIALLY VISIBLE OVER A HORIZON. VICTORIANS FELT THAT THIS COULD MEAN A SETTING SUN, THAT LIFE ON EARTH WAS OVER FOR THE DECEASED, OR THE RISING SUN, THAT ETERNAL LIFE WAS BEGINNING FOR THE DECEASED.

TORCH - THE INVERTED TORCH IS AN ANCIENT SYMBOL OF DEATH. TORCHES ARE USUALLY SHOWN LIGHTED, EVEN WHEN INVERTED. THIS INDICATES THAT THE LIGHT OF ETERNAL LIFE BURNS, EVEN THOUGH THE LIGHT OF EARTHLY LIFE HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED.

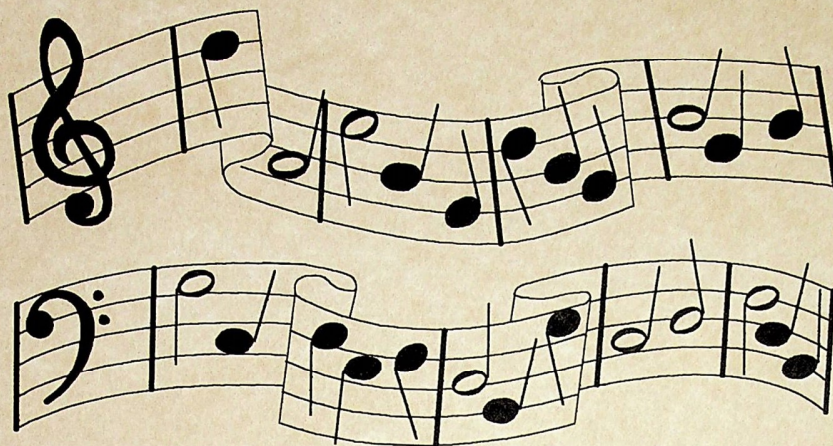
TREE - TREES MAY SYMBOLIZE IMMORTALITY. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF EVERGREEN TREES, AND IS WHY EVERGREENS ARE SUCH COMMON PLANTINGS IN CEMETERIES. THE OAK TREE MEANS STRENGTH OF FAITH. THE CEDAR TREE MEANS STEADFASTNESS OF FAITH. THE PALM TREE MEANS SALVATION. THE WEEPING WILLOW INDICATES MOURNING, AND IT IS ALSO A SYMBOL OF REGENERATION OF THE SPIRIT. WHEN IT IS CUT DOWN, NEW LIFE SPRINGS UP FROM THE ROOTS AS SPROUTS.

TRUMPET - THE TRUMPET IS A SYMBOL OF THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT AND RESURRECTION. ON A GRAVE MARKER IT INDICATES ASSURANCE THAT THE SOUL OF THE DECEASED WILL BE WITH THE CHOSEN AT THE LAST JUDGEMENT.

URN - THE URN IS A PRE-CHRISTIAN SYMBOL OF DEATH, AND OFTEN WAS USED TO HOLD THE REMAINS OR PORTIONS OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED. THE CHRISTIANS ADOPTED THE SYMBOL FOR THE PHYSICAL REMAINS OF THE DECEASED BEING IN THE GRAVE, WHILE THE SOUL HAS GONE TO HEAVEN.

WHEEL - THE WHEEL SYMBOLIZES OLD AGE, AND IS USUALLY REPRESENTED ON A GRAVE MARKER AS A BROKEN WHEEL, BECAUSE TO THE VICTORIANS, SOMETHING BROKEN MEANT DEATH.

WREATH - WREATHS AND GARLANDS SYMBOLIZE THE COMBINED MEANING OF THE FLOWERS AND LEAVES THAT COMPOST THEM. JUST AS BASKETS AND BOUQUETS OF FLOWERS HAVE MULTIPLE LAYERS OF MEANING, SO DO WREATHS AND GARLANDS. THE EXCEPTION IS THE LAUREL WREATH, WHICH REPRESENTS THE VICTORY OF ETERNAL LIFE OVER DEATH, AND IS AN ANCIENT SYMBOL.



MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU

May the good Lord bless and keep you. Whether near or far away. May you find that long awaited golden day today. May your troubles all be small ones, and your fortune ten times ten. May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again. May there be a silver lining back of ev'ry cloud you see. Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows. Never mind what might have been. May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again.

May the good Lord bless and keep you, whether near or far away. May the good you wish for others shine on you today. May your heart stay tuned to music that will cheer the hearts of men. May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again. May you long recall the rainbows, then you'll soon forget the rain. May the warm and tender mem'ries be the ones that will remain. Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows. Never mind what might have been. May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet, till we meet again.

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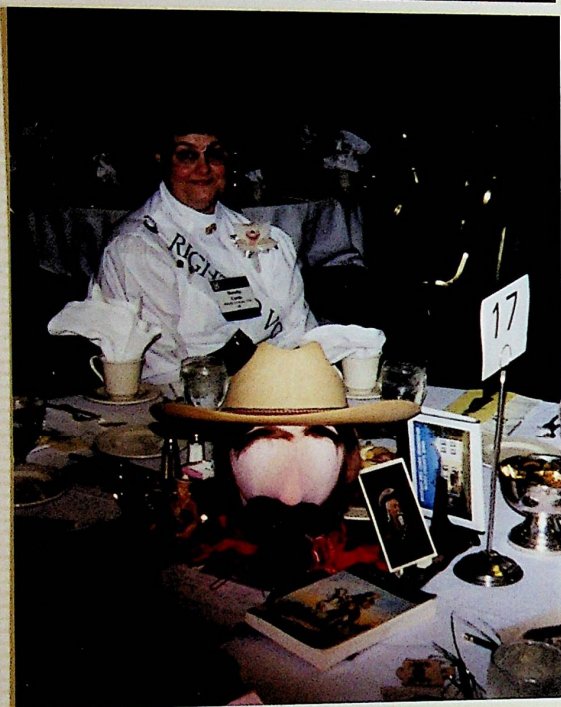
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Brownlie Sod House Questers

Nine members of Brownlie Sod House Questers met at Maid-Rite restaurant June 9, with Dorothy Curtis as hostess.

A brief meeting was held. Volunteer hours were reported. Dorothy Curtis, vice president and program committee chairwoman, presented the 1999-2000 yearbook to members.

Several members reported on the Dubuque tour June 1 with Walnut Grove Questers.

Marian Behrens and Helen Muhs will be attending a State Day 2000 committee meeting June 22 at Betty Spies' home.

Donna Glover, president, received a gift as past-year president from Marian Behrens.

The Brownlie Sod House will be open for viewing on Sunday, June 13, in conjunction with Long Grove Strawberry Festival.

Our meeting was adjourned and we traveled to Maquoketa. We enjoyed a guided tour by Pat Costello of his historic mill, studio and landscaped surroundings. After luncheon and tour of the Decker Hotel/Restaurant we were given a guided tour of Banowetz's Squire Manor Bed and Breakfast, which is furnished with beautiful antiques.

Our next meeting will be Sept. 8 at the home of Inez Stoltenberg with Donna Glover as co-hostess.

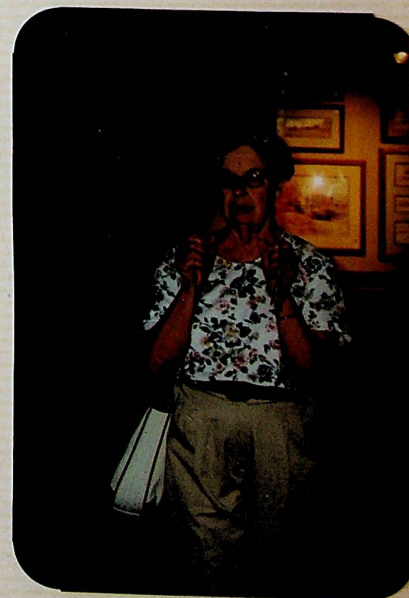
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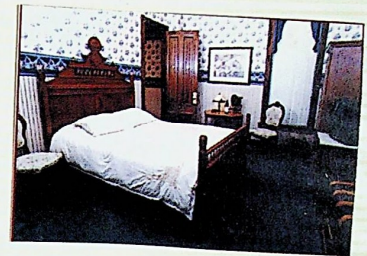
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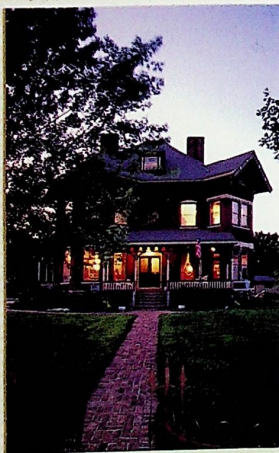
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Long Grove festival is Sunday

The 39th annual Long Grove Strawberry Festival will be Sunday, June 13, featuring a run, parade, music, a craft fair, children's games, a raffle, entertainment and food — including strawberries and shortcake, of course!

The Brownlee Sod House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will be open from noon to 4 p.m. for tours. (This is an impressive structure. If you go to the festival, don't miss this!)



Donna
Marian
Delores
cleaning at the
Sod House
Inez helped and
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Interior Sod Wall



Questers made monetary
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